

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR)	
SYSTEMS, INC. and GUIDANT SALES)	
CORPORATION,)	Civil Action No 98-80 (SLR)
)	(Consolidated with C A. No. 98-314
Plaintiffs,)	(SLR) and C.A. No 98-316 (SLR))
)	
v.)	
)	
MEDTRONIC VASCULAR, INC. and)	
MEDTRONIC USA, INC.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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**ACS'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SUR-REPLY BRIEF
TO RESPOND TO MEDTRONIC'S DISCUSSION OF
PHILLIPS V. AWH CORP. IN ITS POST-TRIAL REPLY BRIEFS**

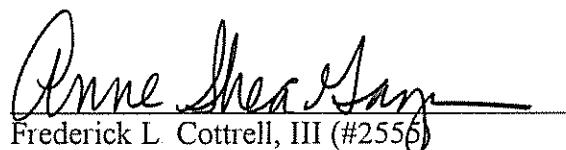
Plaintiffs Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. and Guidant Sales Corporation (collectively "ACS") respectfully request leave to file the attached sur-reply brief in response to Medtronic's discussion of *Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 2005 WL 1620331 (July 12, 2005) (en banc) in its post-trial reply briefs (D.I. 678 and D.I. 679). (Exhibit 1 hereto)

On February 18, 2005, the jury in this case found that ACS's '154, '167, '168, and '133 patents were infringed and not invalid for obviousness. Medtronic filed opening briefs in support of its Renewed Motion for JMOL (D.I. 654) and Motion for New Trial (D.I. 653) on April 18, 2005. On June 17, 2005, ACS filed answering briefs in response to those motions (D.I. 673 and D.I. 674.) Medtronic's reply briefs were originally due on July 11, 2005 (D.I. 659.) At the request of Medtronic's counsel, however, ACS agreed to extend that due date until July 18, 2005, to accommodate the travel and holiday plans of Medtronic's counsel. (D.I. 676.)

During that one-week extension, the Federal Circuit handed down its *en banc* decision in *Phillips*

Medtronic relies heavily on the *Phillips* decision in its reply briefs, citing it some twenty times in asking the Court to set aside the jury verdict or grant a new trial. As explained in the attached sur-reply, however, Medtronic's reliance on *Phillips* is misplaced, for *Phillips* fully supports the Court's decisions in this case.

In light of Medtronic's heavily reliance on *Phillips*, and because ACS did not have an opportunity to respond to Medtronic's *Phillips* arguments in its answering briefs, ACS respectfully requests that the Court grant ACS's motion for leave to file the attached sur-reply. A proposed Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.



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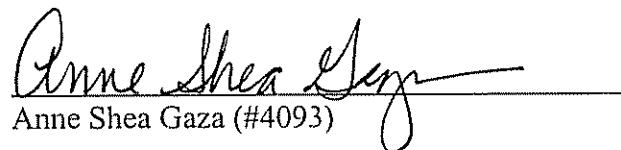
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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7.1.1

The undersigned hereby certifies that counsel for plaintiffs, Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. and Guidant Sales Corporation (collectively "ACS"), has met and conferred with counsel for Medtronic Vascular, Inc. and Medtronic USA, Inc. ("Medtronic") and Medtronic opposes the foregoing Motion.



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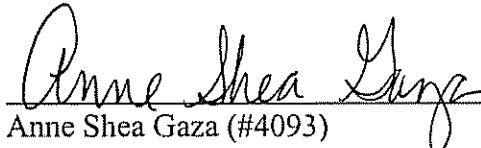
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